

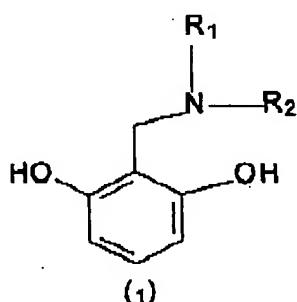
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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A compound of formula (1):



wherein R<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> mono or dihydroxyalkyl, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with a hydroxyl, amino or C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>3</sub> alkoxy group, and R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> mono or dihydroxyalkyl, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with a hydroxyl or amino group.

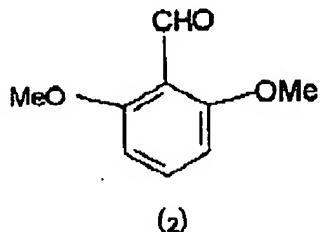
Claim 2 (Previously Presented) A compound of Claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>3</sub> alkyl group, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with an alkoxy group, and R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and benzyl.

Claim 3 (Original) A compound of Claim 2 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl.

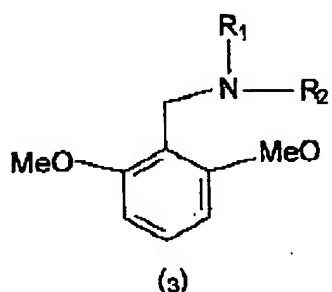
Claims 4-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (1) of Claim 1 comprising (a) reacting 2,6-dimethoxy-benzaldehyde of formula (2)

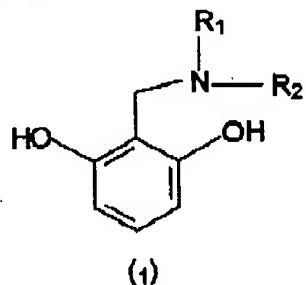
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with a reagent of the formula  $R_1R_2NH$  and a reductive amination reducing agent to produce a compound of formula (3)



and (b) deprotecting the compound of formula (3) by reacting with a deprotection agent producing a compound of formula (1):



wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are as defined in Claim 1.

**Claim 8 (Previously Presented)** A process according to Claim 7 wherein  $R_1$  is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  alkyl group, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with an alkoxy group, and  $R_2$  is selected from the group consisting of a phenyl and benzyl.

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**Claim 9 (Original)** A process according to Claim 7 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl.

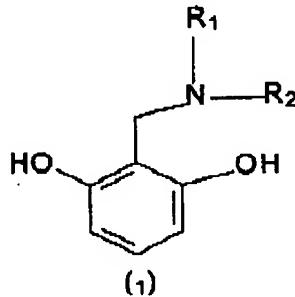
**Claims 10-24 (Canceled)**

**Claim 25 (Previously Presented)** A compound selected from the group consisting of:

2-phenylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;  
 2-(pyridin-3-yl-aminomethyl)-benzene-1,3-diol;  
 2-dimethylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;  
 2-dihydroxyethylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;  
 2-hydroxymethylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;  
 2-benzylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;  
 2-aminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol; and  
 2-(2-methoxy)phenylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol.

**Claim 26 (New).** A hair dyeing composition comprising, in a suitable carrier or vehicle, an effective hair dyeing amount of:

- (A) at least one primary intermediate, and
- (B) at least one coupler comprising a compound of the formula (1):



wherein R<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> mono or dihydroxyalkyl, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with a hydroxyl, amino or C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>3</sub> alkoxy group, and R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub>

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